Coronation, a gala occasion to experience

Tina Ivory Sanders crowned the new Miss Benedict 2005-2006

“...a very special person.”
“...a wonderful young woman.”

Sanders then made her grand entrance. Sanders, an ambassador for the National Society of Black Honors, a member of the varsity lady champion softball team, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she serves as sergeant of arms, walked in gracefully, waving slowly and smiling broadly. Her tiara glittered. The audience seemed enthralled by the magic of the evening.

After giving bouquets of roses to First Lady Patricia Swinton, her mother and grandmother, she took her place on her royal throne. Miss Benedict College 2004-2005, Erica Smalls, officially announced the proceedings took her seat among the dignitaries in a section of the arena.

Sanders, who currently holds a 3.89 grade point average, is involved in a number of community and school activities, including tutoring teenagers in an outreach program at New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church and volunteering with an organization for the homeless. She said after the proceedings that she felt proud and happy to be

“...feeling excited, privileged, and honored that a lot of people came to my Coronation this year, and I hope people will show up next year.”

“...feel free and happy to be...”

She said before the new Miss Benedict College was presented, members of the Ethnic Expressions Dance Theater of Columbia performed to an energetic African beat. The Theater of Columbia performed to the vision of the Ethnic Expressions Dance College was presented, members of the Ethnic Expressions Dance Theater of Columbia performed to an energetic African beat. The Theater of Columbia performed to the vision of the Ethnic Expressions Dance College was presented, members of the Ethnic Expressions Dance Theater of Columbia performed to an energetic African beat. The Theater of Columbia performed to an energetic African beat. The Theater of Columbia performed to an energetic African beat.

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“...a beautiful, delightful, poised queen.”

Miss Benedict College Tina Sanders of South Carolina entered the arena in a stunning, cream-colored, satin strapless gown with a long flowing train. This was her special night, which was reflected in her beauty, grace, and charm. Preceding her grand entrance were the entrances of President and Mrs. David Swinton, top members of his administration and their spouses, Miss Benedict College of 1945, Miss Capital City Miss, and over 40 campus organizations queens and escorts.

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“I hope to redefine the position and I want to become more involved with the student body. I want to have a lot more hands on activities and provide a lot more for my school,” she said.

“I feel very excited, privileged, and honored that a lot of people...”

“If you put forth effort and dedication, you can make an A in your courses...”

“I want students to keep coming to class even if they have not gotten cleared for registration. I guarantee that if you achieve these things, you will claim victory.”

“In an interview after the program, Swinton said, “I want students to learn that they must appreciate and understand what it takes to get an education.”

Executive Vice President Dr. Ruby W. Watts, who presided over the program, commented in an interview afterward that 500 new students, fresh and transfer students, had completed the Freshman and New Student Orientation Program.

Referring to the new “Workforce Aid Program” introduced by Swinton, Watts said she was very appreciative of the initiative. The program is designed to help students pay off their student loans and provide them with some extra money after taking

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Student protesters get meeting
Concerns expressed over housing maintenance, late refund checks, cafeteria service are addressed

By Staff Reports

Several dozen Benedict students took part in a protest demonstration on campus in mid October. The protest, called by student organizers, focused on concerns over what many of the protesters said was “inadequate and poor” maintenance of some of the college’s on- and off-campus housing: cafeteria service; and “late refund checks.”

An open meeting was held at a location specified by the administration to need a move.

Major changes on campus. A representative group from the protesters was also present to meet with administrative officials. The organizers reported that an open line of communication was established and that the officials were willing to address some of the concerns.

At an open student meeting with President Swinton earlier the same week, several students called for answers to problems and expressed concerns over students not receiv- ing refund checks, maintenance of off-campus housing, and other issues. One student at that meeting said the give-and-take, while heated at times, was helpful in that the president and professors were willing to hear concerns, and students had a chance to speak directly to the head of the school.

Students could hear from the administration what efforts are being made about our concerns,” he said. “We need to have meetings like this more often,” he added.

BC gets exposed to reality television via BET

Benedict welcomed Black Entertainment Television (BET) to the campus in late September.

BET was in search of two historically Black Colleges/Universities in the South to tape its new daily series “The Road Show.”

BET, a competition style show that featured men and women competing against each other.

The show’s challenges varied from dental, mental, and physical knowledge to physical games that tested balance and endurance.

This was made up of about 15 to 20 people; the show’s producers were pleased with the outcome of the show.

Ron McKnight, a Benedict College mass communication instructor and chair of the Rothachild Management, an entertainment and recording company based in New York, was working with BET to help choose the select- ed teams and forms on the program.

McKnight commented that the internats had to be trustworthy, relia- ble, and dependable.

Interns, who worked on lights, and whatever was needed to be done to assist the BET crew, were paid $125 per day for their work on the production.

President Swinton was very positive about the experience of the show and the way BET was portrayed or received.

McKnight pointed out, “Real- ity television has its bad sides but it’s a positive and a negative side. There comes a point when you have to have the unexpected.”

Millions more movement

President Linda Farrakhan brings message to Benedict

Notion of Islam leader Min- ister Linda Farrakhan came to Benedict College with a clear message: “It is time to unite and heal the wounds that have scarred our society.”

“It is time for us to put aside those divisions imposed on us from ages ago in slavery times and step up to the plate to unite and care for each other,” Farrakhan told a packed audience on campus.

Farrakhan was the key speaker for a program designed to help educate Benedict students and community citizens on the Millions More Movement. A March held in October in Washington, D.C. Orga- nizers said Farrakhan’s visit was part of his travels across the country to encourage young and old to attend the historic march.

Several Benedict students were among a contingent of people from this area who went to Washington for the march.

This year’s Millions More Move- ment March happened only one year ago. That was the first time this event has been held. The movement’s theme of black men doing for themselves and helping their fam- ilies and communities, but it was also opened more to women and diverse groups.

During his speech, Farrakhan spoke a great deal about the importance of relationships between men and women and how relationships have an affect on the way society is perceived.

He emphasized that some men were oppressors who constantly try to break down women. “Look at what women’s bodies are displayed and sold,” he remarked.

The crowd went wild when he described his disapproval of a BET show. He said there was a young woman wearing only a thing on with all exposed. He claimed to have watched the show in seclusion and that it was very obvious that the woman was too young based on her own size.

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Michael V. Roberts inspires others

BY SHERROD LEE GARY

Michael V. Roberts, a suc-
scessful entrepreneur and co-owner of UPN 47 net-
work in Columbia, encouraged a roomful of Benedict College students recently to take action to pursue dreams and become successful.

Roberts spoke at the college’s Charter Day banquet Oct. 12, spoke the following day at an event as a part of a Leadership Development Lecture Series. He told how he and his brother initiated the idea of own-
ing their own businesses when he got out of law school.

“Although, we never had actual jobs, probably because no one would hire us, the reality was as children we knew the importance of succeeding by combining effort and work.”

He said that it was important to do you own research and not to let other people define you,” he said. Referring to his book, Action Has No Season, he listed several strate-
gies and secrets for gaining wealth, including having an understanding of global events and business practices.

“Not only that happening in the world now from a global prospec-
tive will have an enormous impact on the work we do, but the discuss and remembered the same way that the origination of electricity was.”

Interview

Interim Graduate School Dean Richard Miller
URGES FULL CLASS ATTENDANCE AND CONTINUED COMPLIANCE FOR THE NEEDY

BY SHERROD GARY

‘BE AN ACTIONARE BY IMAGINING’

CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

By SHERROD DAVIS

On college campuses every-
thing is in doses now. ‘Try is a major concern. Although some criminal acts have occurred here, such as vehicle break and dorm room break-
ins, and fights among some stu-
dents, Benedict’s Office of Cam-
pus Safety says they are continu-
ing to improve overall safety and security.

Campus Safety and Security Director Haywood Bazemore recently revised some of his department strategies for tackling safety issues.

He said and his staff are tak-
ing drastic measures to resolve safety problems. The crime rate this year for break-ins and rob-
beries is much lower than in pre-
vious years, he said.

One procedure the department is using is called zone coverage, where officers are assigned differ-
ent places to patrol on and around campus. Random road checks are also done.

“We use proactive police tactics to see in and resolve crime issues,” he said, adding that the officers “interact” with all of Benedict’s surroundings to find what’s going on there as well.

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SGA has busy season

By Tina Ivory Sanders

ORDER: Order. Sir President Nicholas Scott presiding.

There to serve the student body. The Student Government Association hit the ground running this year under their new president Sir Scott. With homecoming just behind them, the members of the SGA wanted to make sure that the student body wouldn’t be disap-
pointed.

The Student Government cabi-
net consists of President Nicholas Scott, First Vice Clyde Lemon, Second Vice Demond Coleman, Corresponding Secretary Kalifa Oliver, Recording Secretary Keishu McKnight, and Treasurer Ryan Dorvas. Meanwhile, Benedict Col-
lege Tina Ivory Sanders, First Assistant Miss Gaylen Hender-
sen, and Second Assistant Miss Patrice Orr are also on the SGA team.

The SGA is advised by Mary Davis, director of Student Affairs and Marion Wright, assistant director of Student Affairs.

The Student Government is cre-
ated for the students by the stu-
dents. President Scott, a comput-
er science major, said his main goal as president is to implement online registration, provide ATM access on campus, and better accommodate is fellow students.

“I look forward to serving as president for the 2005-2006 aca-
demic years. I am working on a great cabinet, and two great advi-
cers.”

First Vice President Clyde Lemon, who is from St. George, said that his main goal is to improve the morale of the student body at Benedict College, and liv-
em up on the campus to the best of his ability, along with the help of his fellow cabinet member.

“Student government means understanding that you are a student leader, as well as a student and keep in mind that you were made an ambassador for the student body.”

He said that he is best known for his dedication to his obligation and that he will not let the student body down.

The Second Vice President Demond Coleman is a much respected man on campus. His obligation as sec-
ond vice president is to organize the homecoming weeks festivities. The most highlighted events were the concert. The SGA believes the student body was pleased.

The homecoming artists were YoungBloods, Ty Scott Jr. and Jody Breeze. Great song Shirley Caesar also headlined for a spe-
cial performance.

Note: More photos and stories on homecoming week will be in the next issue.

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• Best Newspaper Overall of Division II Newspapers, SCPA, 2003

Multi-millionaire businessman Michael Roberts brought his message of the power of success through action to Benedict students this fall. He signed copies of his latest book, Action Has No Season.
Cooperative Ministry and Benedict form hurricane relief alliance

By BI EDWARDS

D ear students, faculty and staff, as you wait for schedules to be released, be the first to hit the registration button on the Office of Institutional Planning and Registrar’s website. The site, www.ben.edu/registrar, is now open for business.

If your major is in the sciences, you will find your classes in the section marked “Science.” If you are in a business major, you will find your classes in the section marked “Business.” If you are in the humanities, you will find your classes in the section marked “Humanities.” If you are in a social science major, you will find your classes in the section marked “Social Science.”

In addition, you will find your classes in the section marked “General Studies.” This is where you will find the classes that you need to complete your degree.

If you have any questions about your registration, please contact the Office of Institutional Planning and Registrar by calling 803-796-3200 or by emailing registrar@ben.edu.

All students are required to register for classes by the last day of registration, which is Friday, March 2.

Finally, please make sure that you have a valid ID with you when you register. This will help to ensure that you are registered correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you in your classes on Monday, March 5.
Scenes from the Coronation 2005

Miss Benedict’s parents, Louis and Alnoria Sanders, royal guests for the evening.

Miss Sanders warmly greets First Lady Patricia Swinton and gives her a bouquet of flowers.

Miss Benedict stands among her Delta Sigma Theta sisters.

Miss Benedict, First and Second Attendant, President and Mrs. Swinton, and the Palmetto Princesses.

This is the kind of night dreams are made of.

Lovely sorority queens

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Dr. Ronnie Hopkins and Rania Brown.

The Promenade.

The lovely former queen, Erica S. Small, Miss Benedict College 2004-2005, awaits her successor.

Miss Benedict stands among her Delta Sigma Theta sisters.

Ms. Benedict 2004 and President Swinton crown the new Miss Benedict.

Members of the Ethnic Expressions Dance Company.

Miss Alumni Association

Lovely sorority queens

Coronation photos are courtesy of Floyd Ingram and Zakiyyah Woods.
HOPE AFTER KATRINA

Benedict student's family vs. Katrina

By Keysel Rolle
Assistance Editor

In the aftermath of Hurricane Kat-
rina, everything suddenly turned dark and deadly. A depression that
turned deadly in New Orleans, left many people homeless, jobless and
dying. The death toll neared 1,000 and still all the bodies have yet to be
discovered.

The place, once known as the city
of jazz, now resonates with screams of horror and sorrow. The future of the
humble and bustling communities which once stood proud in New
Orleans is now bleak and depress-
ing.

With many families losing every-
thing they have and still unable to
contact their loved ones, there’s not much news about those people.

But in the midst of the death and
despair that clouds the coast, there
are those whose homes were prac-
tically untouched and whose lives were miraculously spared.

Crockett, a senior, MCPA, sen-
torial recreation major here at
Benedict, is a resident of the Historic
community in New Orleans, feared
for his family after Hurricane Kat-
rina nearly destroyed the cultural
of the soulful city.

Fortunately, his house still stands.

But all the evidence of the har-
row that Katrina created, and his
immediate family is safe as far as
he knows.

The devastation that visited his
hometown generated mixed feel-
ings in him. “I am grateful,” he said, “but I’m also saddened.”

Crockett said he is grateful that
his house still stands, but he also
saddened because not everyone was as fortun-
ate as he was.

When the lower
9th ward of New
Orleans was covered
with water that broke
away from the levee
of some of his
nest friends drown with
the town. His great-grandmother’s
house that he frequently visited is
now gone, buried in a watery grave.

Fortunately she was able to escape the
destroyed home.

“My great-grandmother’s house is
totally destroyed,” he said, “yet she
is alive.” His great-grand-
mother, Cora Ervin, 81, left New
Orleans 13 years ago.

The soulful city had fallen and
there was nothing to do but to
save it. He could only watch the
news and hope to catch a glimpse of a familiar face.

For weeks after the hurricane
Crockett was forced to visit his
parents. His brother was the only
one he heard from, assuring him of
his family’s safety. Luckily after
three weeks he was able to talk to his
parents. The news of his fami-
y’s safety lifted his heart.

“I was relieved,” he said, “I can
automatically check it now. I just
lost my grandmother this summer
to cancer. I feel very fortunate.”

Crockett’s family were without
electricity, water and telephones. But
those who still had their great-grandmother, and that, he said, is
the most important thing.

**BUSINESS COLUMN**

The Diary of Money $ with Dean

Are piggy banks just for children?

By DeFarra C. Guymon

One of the most well-known ways
to save is by placing coins or bills
into the famous piggy bank. Many
of us call it a piggy bank. Others may
refer to it as a money box, money
change jar, or even pocket change.
The point is, from time to
time, put your spare change into a
collection of containers we call a
piggy bank. This is the way I did it.

I stash $10s and $20s in there at
least a year ago. After some thought, I
realized that it’s a waste of money.

I often stash away spare change
in my piggy bank. I do this today.
I even stash $10s and $20s in there at
time. Believe it or not, I still have the
same piggy bank my parents gave
me 10 years ago.

Thinking back on when I was a
child, I cannot begin to tell you how
otherwise. I would enjoy a cold soda on a hot sum-
mer day or pay my own way into the
movies. But when I learned the
pleasant music of the ice cream
truck coming through the neigh-
borhood, I realized that I shouldn’t know
that I could treat myself to a
Ice cream.

My piggy bank followed me
college and became very helpful
when I needed school books or a
hamburger to kill the hunger pain.

As an adult I still utilize my piggy
bank for spare change. If you carry
a lot of cash or change, make a habit
of putting some of it away daily.

Once you have saved a fair
amount of money in your piggy
bank, then it is time to go to your
credit union to make a deposit. By
making a deposit you just turned
your savings into an investment.

But don’t deposit all of the funds.
Keep 10 to 20 percent of the money for
spending purposes. This will
reward you for your discipline in
saving your money.

Since launching have saved over
$100 in my piggy bank. Not bad
considering I would have just been
magnifying my other savings.

Depending on your saving habits,
don’t wait until your piggy bank is
so full you cannot pick it up. Empt-
ity your piggy bank at least quar-
terly, and take it to your credit union
and make a deposit. Doing so will
help you form a habit of making
deposits rather than withdrawals.

Although $100 may seem small,
if you continue this habit your mon-
ey will continue to grow into larger amounts.

You can then set yearly goals to use these funds for spring
break, school books, car insurance,
gas for your car, or simply investing for the
future.

Also, make sure to pick up
 Extra Change fund at your
corner or you quarter you see lying around.

It can truly add up. Often, while I was
walking with a “wealthy” man, he
caught sight of a penny from the
corner of his eye. Without hesitation or
breaking his line of conversation, he,
stopped turned around, walked to the
penny, picked it up and con-

I went to the store with
him. He proceeded to carry on the
conversation like nothing happened.
I wondered why a person with a
wealth would stop and go out of his way to pick
up a penny. After some thought, I
realized that it’s a FREE money.

No matter what economic class,
free money to all of us and every
every penny counts, especially with
the rising cost of college tuition.

This has got to be the simplest
form of saving possible. So do it
now. Are piggy banks just for
children? Absolutely not!

Note: DeFarra “Dean” Guymon, a native of Memphis, is a senior at Benedict College.

He is a graduate student at Liberty University concentrating in psychology/coun-
ing and has 14 years in the financial
area. He is currently executive vice president of the Atlanta City Employees Credit Union in Atlanta, Ga.

Coronation

Continued from page 1

the department and the school. And escorts and performers
performed a wonderful dance routine. Then President Earle
Gould, the Principal of the school, was announced.

They represented us well and
 taught us how to love our
 culture.

Student Activities Director Mary
 Davis and Assistant Activities
 Director Marian Wright were
 recognized for their hard work.

In putting the Coronation together.

The Master and Mistress of Cer-
emonies were Dr. Ronnie Hopkins,
director of the Benedict College
Honor Program and Nadia Brown,
special assistant in marketing in the
college’s Office of Public Relations.

Tribeles were made to Sanders
from members of her sorority, from
Athletic Director, from coaches, from
Washington, from Women’s Softball Coach
Gwenie King and members of her family, and from faculty
members in the mass communica-

Sanders made her Royal Accep-
tance speech via a recorded mes-
 sage. It was a wonderful message to the business organizational queens and their
escorts performed a grand
promenade dance.

For more photos of this year’s
Coronation, turn to page five.
Major events can enlighten your awareness

BY SHERIDD LEE GARY

Have you ever asked yourself why certain events affect your life and personal viewpoint? Do you ever question yourself as to what causes these events to happen? I understand that the question may seem to be a little weird or scary to think about at times. Frankly, we all have to wonder how these events affect our daily lives, as well as our personal views. Personally, I can share how some of these events affected my life and the way I view things. First, there is the Natalee Hol- loway case which has led many people to become more aware of their safety and have more concern for their children. Holloway is the Alabama teen missing in the Caribbean island of Aruba for four months. She had joined classmates on a post-gradua- tion trip. She was last seen at a popular Aruban nightclub with three young men. Since her disap- pearance, the three young men have been questioned and brought back in for questioning regarding her disap- pearance and probable murder. This incident can be a valuable lesson for young women as well as young men. We must be mindful that we could be the next victim to these type incidents. We must be careful of certain places we decide to go and hang out. Additionally, we must be extremely careful of people we associate with. In terms of the restaurant we dine in because there are people who are capable of slipping any type of drug or any illegal substance into our food or drinks. There have been incidents of people slipping LSD or ecstasy into drinks at clubs, bars and parties. Sometimes people who fall victim to this type of crime never recover mentally or physically. Recently we witnessed the ongo- ing efforts to help victims in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I’m very pleased that there are such agencies as the Red Cross, FEMA, and the Salvation Army to assist in the relief efforts. They supply food, water, diapers, medicine, clothes, and other necessities for victims who are displaced. The tragedy made me realize that we need to cherish and live each day to the fullest and to keep in mind that tomorrow can be our last. We must realize that these tragic events could happen to us. Many of us who lived through the events of hurricane Hugo and Hurricane Andrew in 1989 clearly understand what it means to suffer the loss of electricity, housing, clothing, food, or a close rela- tive. I wish, however, that our govern- ment would have moved more quickly in preparing for a massive storm. The thing that bothers me is that government officials knew that there were people who would be stranded in their homes, who lacked transportation, who didn’t have the financial support, and that there were those who couldn’t leave the city of New Orleans. On the other hand, there are both middle and upper class people who are struggling. For example, one locality of one of the nation’s largest cities had turned from a thriving, vibrant place into one of the most dangerous war zone in a third world country, I was horrified. This tragedy is very disheartening to the point that it makes you shed tears and your blood boil. The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina hit very close to home. I have a cousin who resided in New Orleans and was strongly affected from the after- math of the storm, due to them los- ing their homes, personal items, and family. When I looked and listened to news reports of how many lives were saved in the midst of one of the world’s largest cities, I was_training camp for it. I moved away from home at the age of 18, I thought I was living it up in a real world. The real world meets you when you pay those student loans by yourself. This group also tends to experi- ence self-realization. At age 21 I realized that I no longer wanted to be around people who do not have our best interests in mind. I discovered that I was really in the real world but they conflicts in the circle, which may result in a lack of commitments in our studies and interfere with our daily lives. Considering the lev- el of the social problems facing these young people, it is obvious that many of these problems could possibly affect our grades. When the end of the semester arrives and your grade report reflects your conflict, we then find ourselves asking, “was it all really worth it?” We enroll in a college or univer- sity with one pur- pose and that pur- pose is to become successful, tax- paying citizens, not to socialize. We borrow loans (if not on scholarship) in our name as well as our parents’ name, not our friends’. So no matter what takes place while at the college, failing a grade is a very serious thing that we have to be made aware of. True, it is a benefit to be able to find people we can relate to on many levels but we have to remem- ber that every one does not have our best interests in mind, and we must not lose sight of why we came to college: to succeed. Every school has hired counselors on campus. Here at Benedict Col- lege the counselors are located in the Counseling and Testing Services area in BC Cars. These counselors are here to assist and listen to stu- dents’ problems and even though you may not feel comfortable with telling this person your personal information, it may actually be ben- eficial for you to talk to the coun- selor instead of your friends about certain information. It is nice to feel accepted but while you are trying to find a place to fit in, be careful who you call your friends because everyone is not who they are. Truth then becomes lies, lies become truth and in the end, the possibility of a conflict yielding your success all really worth it?”

I’m twenty-something. Now what?

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Ever since I was 10 years old, there have been two constant things in my life that made me who I am today, the start of the new year and the start of the new decade. The mid twenties are confusing because you’re stuck in the middle of being young and dumb and being old and less dumb. I am stuck between hanging out at the club and where I stand a good chance of being shot by someone around my age or going to a club where I have a good chance of being shot by someone around my age or going to a club where I have a good chance of being shot by someone. As we all know, the best way to avoid conflict is to avoid people who have to be repaid by the person who borrowed the funds regardless of any circumstance. True, it is a benefit to be able to find people we can relate to on many levels but we have to remem- ber that every one does not have our best interests in mind, and we must not lose sight of why we came to college: to succeed. Every school has hired counselors on campus. Here at Benedict Col-
THIS untimely death increased the States. Frankly, the news of his a major network in the United 11, 2001. Additionally, what makes to his job or his home. Both my mother and aunt tell me that the cousin lost his home and the firm he once worked for lived him until Christmas. Fortunately, both he and his wife are safe, and he is interviewing for a few jobs in South Carolina.

On another note, I was saddened when longtime ABC anchorman Peter Jennings died of lung cancer. Jennings opened many doors for many others to please be aware of their mistakes can also teach us that he was a very generous man who took the time to chat with both the politicians and regular people. We were grasaced by his presence. When we witness or listen to many events going on in the world today, they have a strong impact on how we view the world. Mainly, they help us to learn from the mistakes that other people have made. Their mistakes can also teach us how to avoid making the same ones. Events can inspire us in many ways. So, I’m encouraging my fellow students to please be aware of what is happening in the world because life is not all about BET or MTV.

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involve what is going on in Holly- wood. The press sometimes insti- tutes the problems surrounding the lives of A-List celebrities. Take for example the high pro- file divorce of Jennifer Anniston and Brad Pitt. Everyone in Holly- wood thought that this was the fairy tale marriage. The press is now reporting that Angelina Jolie and Angelina Jolie, the world’s most famous ex-couple, had a very good reason for that divorce. I don’t need to hear about the ongoing feud between rappers 50 Cents and Ja Rule or how many classists and social issues all over the world. I under- stand they need to be careful of what they say and do, however, we need to give these celebrities space and let their works do all the talking. We should never see these celebrities as immortals or gods, however, there are those who still envision them as gods. These are the reasons people get plastic surgery and makeovers in order to be like their favorite celebrity. These people should understand that they can be beau- tiful and still be themselves at the same time.

Another death, that of the late poet John Paul II, saddened me on many levels. He was not only a religious leader but also a political leader. The world has not only lost a religious leader and servant of God, but also an ambassador of peace. He was a man who took time out of his busy schedule to talk with people of all races, social classes, religions, and creeds. I have also admired him as a man who didn’t make any type judg- ments about people. He traveled the world to spread his message about Jesus Christ and the need for peace and equality. I can remember in 1987 seeing the pope at the State House shak- ing the hand of former Gov. Car- roll Campbell. This was the first time I ever had the chance to see a world figure up close and person- al. I knew from that very moment that he was a very generous man who took the time to chat with both the politicians and regular people. We were grasaceed by his presence. When we witness or listen to many events going on in the world today, they have a strong impact on how we view the world. Mainly, they help us to learn from the mistakes that other people have made. Their mistakes can also teach us how to avoid making the same ones. Events can inspire us in many ways. So, I’m encouraging my fellow students to please be aware of what is happening in the world because life is not all about BET or MTV.